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SUBJ: BRIEFING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS ON VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S
MEETING WITH VORSTER AND ON SECRETARY'S CIEC SPEECH

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1. IN ABSENCE OF COMMISSIONER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS FELLI,
I CALLED JUNE 1 ON MFA SENIOR PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
HENRY SEKYE TO BRIEF HIM ON INITIAL RESULTS OF THE VICE
PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH VORSTER. I GAVE SEKYE FULL
TEXT OF VICE PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE AND UTILIZED
ALL TALKING POINTS CONTAINED IN PARA 2 REFTEL.

2. SEKYE THANKED ME FOR PRESENTATION AND FOR OUR
CONTINUING EFFORTS TO KEEP GOG INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS
IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. (WE HAVE BEEN PROVIDING SENIOR
MFA OFFICIALS WITH STEADY STREAM OF MATERIAL FROM
WIRELESS FILE AND OTHER SOURCES ON THESE DEVELOPMENTS.)
SEKYE SAID HE WAS GRATIFIED THAT CARTER ADMINISTRATION
WAS TAKING A TOUGHER LINE TOWARD VORSTER. GOG CONTINUED
TO BELIEVE VORSTER'S SUPPORT FOR RHODESIANS WAS KEY
FACTOR IN IAN SMITH'S ABILITY TO PROSECUTE WAR AGAINST
GUERRILLAS. HE FELT STRONGLY THAT IF SOUTH AFRICAN
ARMS AND AMMUNITION NOW BEING PROVIDED TO RHODESIANS
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WERE TERMINATED, SMITH REGIME WOULD SOON COLLAPSE.

3. SEKYE EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN OVER REPORTS RECEIVED
SAME MORNING OF RHODESIAN RAID ACROSS THE BORDER INTO
MOZAMBIQUE. HE BELIEVED THIS PLAYED DIRECTLY INTO
HANDS OF ALL THOSE WHO WERE SEEKING A VIOLENT AS
OPPOSED TO A PEACEFUL SOLUTION AND FEARED THAT

RHODESIAN INCURSION WOULD JEOPARDIZE THE US-UK SPONSORED PEACE INITIATIVE. I SAID WE ALSO DEPLORED RHODESIA'S ACTION AND HAD CONDEMNED IT PUBLICLY. SEKYE SAID HE WAS AWARE OF THIS BUT HOPED WE WOULD INTENSIFY OUR PRESSURE ON VORSTER TO STOP SUPPORTING RHODESIANS. (GOG ISSUED STATEMENT ON JUNE 2 CONDEMNING RHODESIAN RAID.)

4. I ALSO GAVE SEKYE FULL TEXT OF SECRETARY'S MAY 30 ADDRESS AT CIEC, EMPHASIZING ORALLY CERTAIN KEY POINTS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE GHANAIANS AND THE IMPORTANCE THAT THE UNITED STATES ATTACHED TO THE CONFERENCE. SEKYE AGAIN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION, SAID HE WOULD STUDY TEXT CAREFULLY AND ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS ON THE SPOT TO A SUBORDINATE TO INCORPORATE THE MAJOR POINTS OF SECRETARY'S SPEECH IN THE NEXT MINISTRY REPORT TO THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL. SEKYE SAID HE VALUED THE DIALOGUE WE HAD ESTABLISHED AND OUR WILLINGNESS TO LISTEN TO AFRICAN VIEWS ON THESE SUBJECTS. HE THOUGH THIS AUGURED WELL FOR FUTURE AND HOPED WE WOULD CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS.
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